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A Note from the Editor

I am very pleased to present the writings of Jane Lead in her native "King's English." The rich and poetic flavor of Early Modern English is a captivating read that has truly withstood the ages. Those who love the language of the King James Bible will also enjoy this classic 17th Century Version (17CV).

Great care was taken to ensure that the texts are as close to the original as possible. Archaic words and spellings remain untouched, although some obvious typos were corrected. Jane's lengthy paragraphs also remain intact. Wherever possible a clickable Table of Contents was added by this Editor for easy navigation. Also featured are clickable PDF Bookmarks. These EBooks are presented in PDF format for optimal viewing and quality printing.

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Signs of the Coming Kingdom

Intended as a KEY, to the two most divine Tracts,

An Alarm to the Lamb's Holy Warriors, and The Glory of Sharon. 1

- 1. There shall be a total and full redemption by CHRIST.
- 2. This is an hidden mystery, not to be understood without the *Revelation* of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. The Holy Spirit is at hand to *reveal* the same unto all holy seekers, and loving inquirers.
- 4. The completion of such a redemption is withheld and obstructed by the apocalyptical seals.
- 5. Wherefore as the spirit of GOD shall open seal after seal, so shall this redemption come to be revealed, both particularly, and universally.
- 6. In this gradual opening of the mystery of the redemption in CHRIST, doth consist, the unsearchable wisdom of GoD; which may continually reveal new and fresh things to the worthy searchers.
- 7. In order to which, the ark of the testimony in Heaven shall be opened before the end of this world, and the living testimony which is therein contained, shall be unsealed.
- 8. The presence of this divine ark, will constitute the *Philadelphian Church*; and wherever that is, there must the ark of necessity be.
- 9. The unsealing of the living testimony, within the ark of the LORD, must begin the promulgation of the everlasting gospel of the kingdom.
- 10. The proclamation of this testimony of the kingdom, will be as by the sound of a trumpet, to alarm all the nations of the earth; and more especially all the professions of Christianity, because, attended with the power of ACTING ALL WONDERS.
- 11. So there shall be an authoritative decision given forth immediately from CHRIST, to the putting an end to all controversies concerning the true Church.

¹ These two tracts were originally published as one book titled, The Wars of David and the Peaceable Reign of Solomon; Published in 1700. [DG]

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- 12. This decision will be, by the actual sealing of the Members of this church, *with the name of GoD*; giving them a commission to act by virtue of the same. This *new* name will distinguish them—from the seven thousand names of Babylon.
- 13. The ELECTION and PREPARATION of this church *is to be after a secret and hidden manner;* as DAVID in his minority was elected and anointed by the prophet of the LORD, yet was not admitted *to the outward* possession of the kingdom for a considerable time afterward.
- 14. Of the stem of DAVID a *virgin* church, which hath known *nothing of man*, or of human constitution, *is yet to be born*.
- 15. And if it be yet to be born, then it will require some considerable time, before it gets out of its minority, and arrive to the full and mature age.
- 16. The birth of this *virgin* church, was visionally typified to St. JOHN, by the *great wonder in heaven* bringing forth her first born, *that was caught up to the throne of God.*
- 17. FOR—As a virgin woman brought forth CHRIST after the flesh, so, *likewise*, a virgin woman is designed by GOD to bring forth the FIRST BORN *after the* SPIRIT, who shall be filled with the Holy Ghost and with power.
- 18. The VIRGIN that is hereto designed, must be as of a pure spirit, also of a CLARIFIED BODY, and all over impregnated with the Holy Ghost.
- 19. This church so brought forth, and signed with the mark of the divine name, shall be adorned with MIRACULOUS GIFTS AND POWERS, *beyond whatever yet hath been*.
- 20. HEREBY all nations shall be brought into it, so that it shall be the *Catholic* Church, according to the genuine sense and utmost latitude of the word.
- 21. It must be an *anointed* church; whereby it may truly bear the name of CHRIST or Christian; being *with him* anointed to the priestly, prophetical, and royal dignity.
- 22. Hence there will be no *bonds* or *impositions*: BUT the holy unction among these new born spirits will be all in all.
- 23. This Catholic and anointed church must be perfectly holy, as CHRIST himself is holy; so that it may worthily bear the name *of the Lord our Holiness*, and *the Lord our Righteousness*.
- 24. Until there be such a church made ready upon the earth, so holy, so catholic, and so anointed, that is without all spot or wrinkle, and that is adorned as a bride to meet her bridegroom, CHRIST will not *personally* descend to solemnize this marriage, and present the same to his Father.
- 25. But when the bridal church shall be made ready, and *thoroughly* cleansed and sanctified from every spot of defilement *through the blood of CHRIST*, then he will no longer delay his coming in person.

- 26. There is not this day visible upon the earth any holy catholic, anointed and bridal church; all the churches and professions, being found light, when weighed in the balance: therefore they are rejected by the Supreme Judge.
- 27. Which rejection and condemnation will be for this end, that out of them, a new and glorious church may rise up in whom there shall be no fault to be found, like as he findeth none with the PHILADELPHIA,—(Rev. 3.)
- 28. THEN shall the glory of GOD, and of the Lamb, so rest upon it, as the cloud upon the typical tabernacle, so that it shall be called the *Tabernacle of Wisdom*.
- 29. Though this PHILADELPHIAN church is not known in visibility, yet it may lie hid at this present time as in the womb of the morning.
- 30. Notwithstanding, it will be brought forth into visibility as coming out of the wilderness, within a short period.
- 31. Then will it go on to multiply and propagate itself universally; not only to the number of the firstborn (which is 144,000) but also to the remnant of the seed: against whom the Dragon shall make continual war.
- 32. WHEREFORE the spirit of DAVID shall most eminently revive in this church, and most specially in some or other selected members of it, as the blossoming root, which is to precede the DAY OF SOLOMON in the blessed MILLENIUM: these will have might given them, to overcome the Dragon and his angels, (even as DAVID and his army overcame Goliath and the PHILISTINES).
- 33. This will be the standing up of MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE of Israel; and will be as the appearance of Moses against *Pharoah*, in order that the chosen seed may be brought out from their hard servitude.
- 34. EGYPT doth figure out this servile creation, under which each one of Abraham's seed doth groan, but a PROPHET, and prophetical generation, will the MOST HIGH yet, raise up, who shall deliver his people—by mere force of spiritual arms.
- 35. For which—there must be raised up, certain HEAD POWERS to bear the first shock, who are to be persons of great eminence and favour with the TRINITY; whose dread and fear shall fall upon all nations (visible and invisible) because of the mighty acting power of the Holy Ghost, which shall rest upon them.
- 36. For CHRIST before his own distinct and personal appearance, will first appear, and represent himself in some CHOSEN VESSEL, or vessels anointed to be leaders unto the rest, and to bring them into the promised land—the new creation state.
- 37. Thus, Moses, Joshua, and Aaron, may be considered as types of *some*, upon whom the same spirit may come, yet to rest in a greater proportion; whereby they shall make way for the ransomed of the LORD to return to MOUNT SION.

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- 38. BUT—none shall stand in any considerable office under GoD, but who are *tried* stones, *after the pattern and similitude of the* chief cornerstone—CHRIST.
- 39. THIS will be a FIERY trial, which very FEW will be able to pass, or bear up in; wherefore the WAITERS for the *visible* breaking out of this Church, are strictly charged *to hold that fast which they have*, and to wait together in the unity of PURE LOVE, praying *in the Holy Ghost* according to the apostolical pattern, that they may be sent forth to multiply—more universally.
- 40. This TRIAL will be of *absolute necessity* to every *one* in particular, and to *all* in general, for the constituting and cementing of the *true Philadelphian* Church; by clearing away all the remaining infirmities of nature, and burning up all that there is of *hay, stubble* or *dross,* which they may have added to the work of the LORD.
- 41. FOR—nothing must remain in this pure Church but what can remain in the FIRE. For as a *Refiner* will the LORD purify the sons and *daughters of* it, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto Him an offering in *perfect* righteousness.
- 42. Though the operation of the Holy Spirit in these WAITERS may, for a LONG TIME, contend with many infirmities and evils: yet, if it be kept *continually* warm, and watched too, it cannot at the last but work out a *perfect cure*, and bring about *a full and total redemption* from the earth.
- 43. There may be some, at present living, who may come to be thus *fully and totally redeemed;* having ANOTHER BODY put on them, that is—one after the priestly order.
- 44. This priestly anointed BODY, will render them *impregnable*, and qualify them for that high degree of spiritual government, which they are called to.
- 45. WHEREFORE it is required on *our part*, to suffer the *spirit of burning* to do upon us the *refining work*, fanning us with his fiery breath, and searching every part *within us*, until all be *pure* and *clear*, and we thereby arrive to this FIXED BODY, from whence the WONDERS are to flow out.
- 46. This BODY will be the sealing character of the PHILADELPHIAN Church.
- 47. Upon this BODY will be the fixation of the URIM and THUMMIM, that are to be appropriated to the priests of the Melchisc-deckian order; whose descent is not to be counted in the genealogy of that creation which is under the FALL; but in another genealogy which is from the RESTORATION—(vide Prop. 17 & 18).
- 48. Hence these priests will have a deep inward search, and a divine sight into the *secret things* of the Deity; will be able to prophecy in a clear ground, not darkly and enigmatically, for they *will know* what is couched in the *first originality of all beings, and in the eternal archetype of nature:* and so will be capacitated to bring them forth, according to the divine council and ordination.
- 49. The LORD, whose hand is lifted up, sweareth in truth and righteousness, that from ABRA-HAM'S *line, according to the Spirit,* there shall arise an HOLY PRIESTHOOD.

- 50. ARAHAM and SARAH were a type of THAT which should be *produced* and *manifested in* the *last age* of the world.
- 51. The mighty spirit of CYRUS is appointed to lay the foundation of the *third* temple, and to support it in its building.
- 52. THESE—are such characteristies or marks *whereby* this *pure* Virgin Church, *so founded, shall be certainly known* and distinguished from all others, and whereby the unction and *true sound of the Holy Ghost shall be discerned from THAT which is FALSE, LOW, AND COUNTER-FEIT.*
- 53. There must be a *manifestation of the Spirit*, wherewith to edify and raise up this Church suitable to the Resurrection of CHRIST.
- 54. This manifestation—must be in the *absoluteness of power, as well* as in the beauty of holiness; so—bringing down *Heaven upon earth,* and representing HERE—the NEW JERUSALEM state.
- 55. In order to which, spirits that are thus purely begotten and born of GoD, *can ascend to the new Jerusalem above*, where their HEAD in great majesty, doth reign, and receive THERE such a mission, whereby they shall be empowered to bring down to this world its transcendant glory.
- 56. None but those that are risen with CHRIST in the *regeneration*, can *thus ascend*, and *none*, but those that have so ascended, and received of his glory, can descend again to communicate the same, being thereby *his representatives* upon the *new earth*, as subordinate Priests and Princes under him.
- 57. Now, HE that is ascended and glorified, has made himself, as it were, *our debtor*; consequently, he will not be wanting in qualifying and furnishing out certain high and principal instruments, WHO SHALL BE MOST HUMBLE *and as little regarded as David was*, whom he will dignify with great honour and priestly sovereignty, for the drawing to them the scattered flocks, and gathering them into one fold, out of all nations, and languages, and kindreds.
- 58. THEREFORE, there should be an holy emulation and ambition stirred up among all the lovers of JESUS, that they may be of the *first fruits* unto him that is risen from the dead, and so be made *principal* agents for him and with him; that they may, *if possible*, be of the number of the first born of the *New Jerusalem* Mother.
- 59. All the *LOVERS OF JESUS*, and true waiters for his kingdom in spirit, under whatsoever professions or forms they are dispersed, ought to be numbered among the *Philadelphian* spirits, to whom this MESSAGE appertains.
- 60. The *Society* is not the Church, but preparatory to the Church of *Philadelphia*; it consists of those who have associated to wait in the unity of the spirit for its *glorious appearance and manifestation*.—WHEREFORE—there is such a *strict charge* given to THEM throughout this *Message*, to be WATCHFUL and *quicken up* their pace.